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AMEMBASSY BONN

SUBJECT: RIAS STAFFER'S ACCREDITATION

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- 1. FRG AMBASSADOR JUERGEN DIESEL TOLD ME APRIL 20 THAT HIS EMBASSY HAD RAISED WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTRY THE ISSUE OF RIAS STAFFER DIETER HEIBEL'S VISA AND ACCREDITATION WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULT: THE MFA SAID HEIBEL'S ACCREDITATION WAS A MATTER FOR THE WFTU, AS AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIO WITH ITS SEAT IN PRAGUE, TO DETERMINE. FRG EMBASSY NEXT CALLED BORIS AVERYANOV AT WFTU. AVERYANOV AT FIRST ACKNOWLEDGED HE KNEW ABOUT THE MATTER, THEN WAFFLED AND SAID HE DID NOT KNOW BUT WOULD LOOK INTO IT. WHEN FRG EMBASSY DISCUSSED THE SITUATION SUBSEQUENTLY, AVERYANOV SAID HEIBEL SHOULD NEVER HAVE RECEIVED ACCREDITATION, AT WHICH POINT EMBASSY TOLD HIM THAT IF THIS WAS THE CASE, IT WOULD HAVE REPERCUSSIONS ON THE FRG'S HITHERTO LIBERAL POLICY WITH RESPECT TO VISAS AND BORDER FORMALITIES FOR WFTU PERSONNEL VISITING AND TRANSITING FRG.
- 2. EMBASSY SEES NO USEFUL PURPOSE IN FURTHER FOLLOW-UP BY OURSELVES ON HEIBEL CASE. ACCORDINGLY, UNLESS OTHERWISE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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